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SKYPE**Fun & Exciting Classroom Applications

Skype is an alternative to Compressed Video Conferencing (CVC) that allows a classroom teacher, with the use of an inexpensive webcam, to conduct simple video conferences.

1. **Foreign Language classes**: break down the walls of your classroom, partner with other classes, and make international links with native speakers. Also use a Flip video camera to capture the conversation and allow your class to replay the session as many times as they wish to reinforce what they have learned.
2. **Reading Fluency**: let students practice reading to younger students in another classroom.
3. **Interview skills**: let your class practice interviewing skills by interviewing someone via Skype.
4. **Job exploration**: Skype with experts in different jobs. Have students design questions to ask the expert and then conduct the Skype as an interview.
5. **Project collaboration**: Classes partner to collaborate and share projects on mutual topics.
6. **Field Trips**: If students aren’t able to participate in a field trip due to factors such as budgetary or distance constraints, use Skype to bring the field trip into the classroom.
7. **Skype an author:** Many authors will agree to Skype with your class if you are studying their works.
8. **Inclusion:** Homebound students that cannot attend school due to illness can participate in scheduled classroom activities if the student has Skype capabilities at home.
9. **Final culmination of Project:** After collaborating on a project such as letter writing to a partner class, finish the unit with a Skype session so student can see who they have been corresponding with and “meet face to face”.
10. **Share teaching strategies:** Skype with a fellow teacher and let them “observe” as you teach a lesson so they can see a successful strategy that you are using.
11. **Receive teaching feedback:** Have an experienced or mentor teacher watch you teach via Skype and receive valuable feedback.
12. **Access the CILC for Video Conferencing ideas:** Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration offers many free video conferencing opportunities and collaborations with other teachers. Many are compatible with Skype.

**The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.**